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1. Sohyo Opposes New Labor Bill

a. Government to Reintroduce Bill: The Government has indicated that it will submit to the current Diet at least three of the five major bills which were aborted in the last Diet. Among these is the bill to control strikes in the coal mining and electric industries. He (TAKANO Minoru) stated that since the YOSHIDA Government, in cooperation with the Progressive Reform Party, undoubtedly will resubmit the bill to ban strikes, Sohyo will carry out demonstrations throughout the country from 10 to 15 June in support of the Left Wing Socialist Party's opposition to the legislation. TAKANO contended that whether the bill is passed or not depends upon the scale of the labor offensive against it, and (32) that, so far, about half of Sohyo's affiliated unions have passed strike resolutions....

Comment: The Deputy Prime Minister OGATA Taketora, has admitted that opposition to the bill by the part of the Progressive Party has so weakened chances of passing the law that it may not be introduced. The Government will not make final decision on presentation of the bill until it consults Progressive Party leaders and "labor experts".

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